
**Agriculture & Natural Resources
Committee**

HB 1413

Brief Description: Extending the expiration date of the invasive species council and the invasive species council account from December 31, 2011, to June 30, 2017.

Sponsors: Representatives Blake, Chandler, Tharinger and Hinkle; by request of Recreation and Conservation Office.

Brief Summary of Bill

- Changes the expiration dates of the Invasive Species Council and the Invasive Species Council Account from December 31, 2011 to June 30, 2017.

Hearing Date: 2/1/11

Staff: Courtney Barnes (786-7194).

Background:

Invasive Species Council.

The Invasive Species Council (Council) provides policy level direction, planning, and coordination for combating harmful invasive species throughout the state and preventing the introduction of other invasive species [RCW 79A.25.310(2)]. The Council is a joint effort between local, tribal, state, and federal governments, as well as the private sector and nongovernmental interests. By statute, the purpose of the Council is to foster cooperation, communication, and coordinated approaches that support local, state, and regional initiatives for the prevention and control of invasive species [RCW 79A.25.310(3)]. The Recreation and Conservation Office provides administrative support for the Council. The Council exists until December 31, 2011.

Invasive Species Council Account.

This analysis was prepared by non-partisan legislative staff for the use of legislative members in their deliberations. This analysis is not a part of the legislation nor does it constitute a statement of legislative intent.

Funding for the Council is provided by member agencies, federal grants, and the Vessel Response Account. Expenditures from the Invasive Species Council Account (Account) may be used only to carry out the purposes of the Council [RCW 79A.25.370]. The Account expires on December 31, 2011.

Summary of Bill:

Invasive Species Council.

The expiration date of the Council is changed to June 30, 2017.

Invasive Species Council Account.

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Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Available.

Effective Date: The bill takes effect 90 days after adjournment of the session in which the bill is passed.